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TO : Mr. Tolson
 FROM : L. B. Nichols
 SUBJECT: MADELINE KARR
 Loyalty Government Employees

DATE: July 2, 1948

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I have endeavored to reach Mrs. Karr since the Philadelphia Convention. This afternoon David Karr called me. He stated that he had talked to his wife further, that his wife was pretty green as a journalist and that the only information she had was that the FBI report which allegedly stated that an employee "is the kind who permits his Negro maid to come and go by the front door" was the personal assistant to the head of an agency. He stated his wife does not know the name and he does not know the name, that if his wife did know it he would get it and tell us.

In this connection, while Philip Graham of the Washington Post was in the Bureau today I talked to him about the anonymous letters that have appeared in the Post. He stated he would get behind this personally and see what could be done. He agreed that the Post should not be publishing letters unless the people were prepared to stand back of them.

Early this afternoon I received a call from Robert Esterbrook, who stated he had been trying to get in touch with B.C.B. who is out of town but he knows where he can be reached and will try to reach him over the week end and let us know.

I also mentioned to Philip Graham the above mentioned item. Graham stated he had heard this for the past 9 years, that he had always heard the story in connection with Joseph Rauh, who you recall was the individual who gave out information from the War Production Board and we were called upon to investigate him. The guy was later shifted by Stettinius.

I have the file but as yet have had no chance to review it. If this is the case Graham stated that he would try to get the case identified through Esterbrook and would let me know. It is conceivably possible that the supervisors who handle loyalty or Hatch Act cases might be able to identify a loyalty or Hatch Act case on the personal assistant to the head of an agency. If we cannot do this then I think we should go ahead and write the New Republic.

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